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**Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a ___ continuation-in-part, **XXX continuation**, ___ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application, Serial No. **09/807,945** filed on **July 12, 2001** of **Wolfgang Schmidbauer, Hildegard Römer, and Guido Räke** for **DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MELTING OR REFINING GLASS OR GLASS CERAMICS**.

The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED BY AMENDMENT BELOW				
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1. XX A check in the amount of \$ 770.00 is enclosed.
2. XX The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.
3. ___ Cancel in this application original claim(s) _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
4. XX A copy of the executed oath or declaration from U.S. Application Serial No. **09/807,945** filed on **July 12, 2001** is enclosed.
5. ___ A new oath or declaration, new formal drawings and an affidavit or declaration verifying it as a true copy is enclosed.

6. _____ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: ---
This is a _____ continuation, _____ division, of application serial no. _____,
_____, filed _____.

7. **XX** The prior application is assigned of record to: **Schott Glass.**

8. **XX** The power of attorney in the prior application is to:
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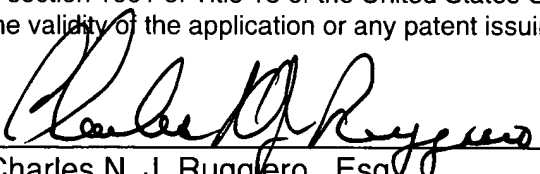
9. **XX** A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

10. **XX** Priority of application Serial No. **09/807,945** filed on **July 12, 2001** in the **United States** is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120; priority of applications **PCT/EP00/07650** filed on **August 8, 2000** in **Europe**, and **199 39 782.1** filed on **August 21, 1999** in **Germany** are claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

11. **XX** I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. **09/807,945** as originally filed on **July 12, 2001**.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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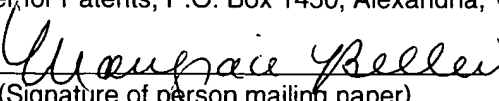

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